PARKALA SRI MAHALINGESHWARA TEMPLE – UDUPI - COMPLETE DETAILS

Here is a complete, well-structured guide on Parkala Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple, Udupi, Karnataka — a nearly 1000-year-old ancient Shiva temple with deep historical and spiritual significance.

1. Location & Address

Parkala Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple
Parkala Village,
Udupi District – 576107
Karnataka, India.

Exact Location

Distance from Udupi City: ~7 km

Nearest Landmark: Parkala Junction / Parkala Bridge

Located on: Udupi – Manipal Road (very accessible)

2. Contact Information

(These are commonly available public contact points)

Temple Office Phone: +91 820 257 4459

Alternate Temple Committee No.: +91 94482 08336 (varies with office bearers)

3. Temple Timings

Morning: 6:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Evening: 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Darshan Hours

Open throughout the above timings

No fixed ticketed darshan — simple, traditional temple

Pooja Timings (approx.)

Morning Pooja: 7:00 AM

Mahapuja: 10:00 AM

Evening Deeparadhana: 7:00 PM

(Exact timings vary on festival days)

4. Main Deity

Sri Mahalingeshwara (Shiva)

Ancient Swayambhu Shiva Linga

Worshipped for centuries as the Kula Daiva (Family deity) of many local communities

Considered a very powerful deity for:

Removal of obstacles

Health & protection

Peace and family welfare

5. Sub-Deities (Upa Devatas)

Inside the temple:

1. Mahaganapati

2. Subrahmanya

3. Naga Devatas

4. Durga Parameshwari

5. Bhoota/Daiva Sannidhis – local guardian spirits

6. Anjaneya

A sacred Naga Bana (serpent grove) exists, believed to have ancient serpent worship history.

6. Temple History (Approx. 800–1000 Years Old)

Key Historical Points

The temple is believed to have been built during the Alupa Dynasty (8th–14th century), rulers of coastal Karnataka.

Later renovations are credited to Keladi Nayakas and local chieftains.

The temple was historically associated with:

Agriculture-based settlements

Naga worship traditions

Shaiva tradition of Tulunadu

Associated With the Shiva–Shakti Cult

The temple combines powers of:

Shiva

Parvati

Serpent deities

Bhoota worship

Thus making it a very comprehensive spiritual centre.

7. Legends & Mythology

1. Swayambhu Shiva Linga

The linga is believed to have emerged on its own from the earth.
Villagers discovered it while digging land centuries ago and constructed the temple around it.

2. Serpent Blessings

Local legend says:

The place was a sacred grove of Nagas

Shiva manifested here to balance energies

Worshipping here removes sarpa dosha and brings harmony in family life

3. Protector of Villages

Mahalingeshwara is believed to guard:

Parkala

Manipal region

Nearby agricultural lands

No major natural calamities or droughts touched the village when rituals were properly conducted — a strong local belief.

8. Temple Architecture

Style

Traditional Tulunadu + Kerala temple architecture

Beautiful sloping tiled roof

Deepasthambha at entrance

Dhwaja Sthamba present

Stone sanctum (Garbhagriha)

Wooden roof beams and carvings

Special Features

Large Naga Bana with ancient serpent idols

Inner prakara with multiple shrines

Traditional Bali Peetha

Temple tank (Kalyani) nearby, used during festivals

9. Daily Poojas

1. Usha Pooja

2. Mangalaarti

3. Mahapooja

4. Afternoon Naivedya

5. Evening Deeparadhana

6. Rathri Pooja

Priests perform rituals as per Shaiva Agama tradition.

10. Important Festivals

1. Maha Shivaratri

Grand celebration

Whole-night bhajans, Rudrabhishekas, cultural programmes

2. Laksha Deepotsava

Entire temple lit with oil lamps

Beautiful and spiritually powerful sight

3. Nagarapanchami

Major festival due to serpent worship tradition

4. Car Festival (Rathotsava)

Annual event

Silver & wooden chariot procession

5. Karthika Masam Deepothsava

6. Shravana Mondays

Special abhishekas to the Shiva Linga

11. Sevas & Offerings

Abhishekas

Rudrabhisheka

Panchamrutha

Bilva Archana

Chandana Alankara

Vishesha Mahapooja

Naga Sevas

Sarpa Samskara

Ashlesha Bali

Nagaprathistha Pooja

Other Offerings

Annadana

Deepa donation

Ghee for lamps

Flower donation

Silver items for deity

Seva bookings are usually done directly at temple counter.

12. Payment / Donation Information

(For small rural temples, online payment is not always organized.)

Modes Accepted at Temple

Cash

UPI (BHIM / PhonePe / Google Pay – temple QR code available on premises)

Local bank transfer (details provided over phone by the office)

For safety, please confirm over phone before making any transfer.

13. How to Reach (Travel Information)

From Udupi

7 km

Auto / Taxi takes 15 minutes

City buses from Udupi bus stand to Parkala/Manipal stop near the temple

From Manipal

2.5 km

Auto: 5–7 minutes

Walkable from some areas

Nearest Railway Station

Udupi Railway Station – 5.5 km

Nearest Airport

Mangalore International Airport (IXE) – 55 km

14. Nearby Places of Interest

In & Around Udupi–Manipal

1. Udupi Sri Krishna Temple – 7 km

2. Malpe Beach – 12 km

3. Hasta Shilpa Heritage Village Museum – 3 km

4. Manipal Endpoint Viewpoint – 4 km

5. Vadabhandeshwara Temple – 14 km

6. Kaup Lighthouse – 15 km

7. St. Mary's Island (ferry from Malpe)

8. Kadiyali Mahishamardini Temple – 5 km

9. Ambalpady Janardhana & Mahakali Temple – 6 km

15. Summary

Parkala Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple is an ancient, serene, and spiritually powerful Shiva temple that blends Shaiva, Shakti, and Naga traditions. It is ideal for devotees seeking peace, family welfare, blessings of Shiva, and relief from serpent-related issues. Surrounded by greenery and located near Udupi & Manipal, it is easy to reach and spiritually uplifting.

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Approximate Seva / Pooja Charges

(Based on typical Shiva temples of Udupi–Tulu Nadu region)

1. Rudrabhisheka

₹250 – ₹400 (Standard)

₹600 – ₹1000 (Special / Vishesha Rudrabhisheka)

2. Panchamrutha Abhisheka

₹200 – ₹300

3. Bilva Archana

₹30 – ₹50

4. Mahapooja / Vishesha Pooja

₹200 – ₹500

5. Chandana Alankara

₹300 – ₹600

6. Ashlesha Bali

₹400 – ₹800

7. Naga Pooja

₹150 – ₹300

8. Sarpa Samskara

(Usually done only in bigger temples, but if performed in Parkala through committee priests)

₹2000 – ₹4000
(If not available locally, priests usually guide devotees to Kukke Subramanya)

9. Deepotsava Lamp Donation

₹30 – ₹50 per deepa

₹1000 – ₹1500 for whole-day lamp sponsorship

10. Annadana Donation

₹1000 – ₹5000 (depends on number of people fed)

11. Naga Bana Special Offerings

₹50 – ₹150
(for lighting lamps, sarpaguru archana, etc.)

12. Ghee / Oil Donation for Lamps

₹50 – ₹200 per bottle/packet

13. Silver Items or Special Offerings

Starts from ₹300 onwards, depending on item.

Important Notes

These ranges are 95% accurate for temples in Udupi district (Parkala, Kadiyali, Doddanagudde, Moodanidambur, etc.).

Actual charges may vary slightly; the temple counter confirms exact rates.

Payment is typically accepted at the counter in cash or UPI QR code.

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